

happy. The plan of the trust to deny them all such litigious indulgences. this year the blessed privilege of a cycle show is on the verge of collapse. Last fail the cycle board of trade decided to abandon them this winter. The combine declared they were costly and uscless and should not botolerated. When a committee of the Philadelphia board of trade appealed to the combine for a cycle show it was received with a withering frost and refusal. But the combine does not own the earth by several acres, nor doca it include all makers of bicycies. The New York Sun announces that "there is now a reasonable certainty that wheel exnow a reasonable certainty that wheel ex-hibitions will within a few months be held gives rise to a steady vibration that is comthe more attractive."

That's the stuff! It thrills the soul and makes life worth living. The happiness of wheelers may be chilled and buried in snowdrifts without provoking the weird wail of siren whistle, But when a few factory plutocrats assume to dictate what shall or shall not be it is time to invoke the burn- vented. ing words of Patrick Henry and smite dictators fore and aft. The joys of a cycle show are so varied and overwhelming as to appail the imagination and stiffe the pen. One may watch with mute regrets and diminishing hair the cycle of years crawding into the twilight of the past. A scorcher may shoot by on a narrow path and arouse only a sigh for a handful of tacks. It is even possible to split your tire ten mies from home and view with equanimity the cheerful opportunity the accident affords of insperting the highway and abscraing the atmosphere at leaure. But these feetings are not in it with these awakened by a cycle show. The profusion and contusion of wheels, tires without number, cranks and crank hangers, lamps brighter outside than within, fixtures enough to paratyze a me-chanic-all these served with explanatory notes by loquiclous "barkers" in dress suit. The finishing touches of the picture are furnished by the stationary speed cranks, an estimatic band the while blowing a melancholy benediction on the animated scen-Verily, life wi hout a cycle show would be a "barren ideality."

The racing board of the League of American Wheelmen is receiving deserved roasting for is sanction of the six-day race in Madison Square Garden. That great "sporting" event was engineered by a short track and short-bired clique which pocketed over \$40,000 of the proceeds. They received the sanction of the racing heard, although it is stated none of the real managers were members of the league, and, as far as known, have done nothing to encourage legi imstesport. They were out for the stuff and nothing else, and pulled the wool over Mott's eyes without much resistance. When invited to appear before the board in New York City one day last week and explain the short track deal, they ignored the invitation. The board prosed a mild vote of censure and adthe New York Tribune, "was not a public or a club enterprise. It was a business venture of four men, some of whom are not wheelmen at all. They desired to take advantage of the those profits beyond what an ordinary race of insisting upon a larger first payment would bring. Without the function of the bicycles wherever installment business

The opposition forces led by Sterling Elliott the manufacturer have to suffer; and we are centering upon George D. Gideon of Philadelphia. Massachusetts has shelved the project to push Boston for the '98 meet, virtually giving Indianapolis a walkover. This shrewd move on the part of the anti-Pctter crowd was followed by telegrams to western delegates urging them to rally to readily excur to you that a first cayment of Cideon Potter is been been better those of customers and also to the way in which payments are made. It will be selected the project to push Boston for the '98 meet, virtually giving Indianapolis a walkover. Western detegates urging them to raily to readily occur to you that a first expment of Gideon. Potter is keeping the wires h.t. too, \$150 m. a \$50 machine is cerbur several of his slates have been cracked, buildy not the equivalent of a first causing much jubilation in the opposition cayment of \$30 on a \$100 model." camp. There is some doubt as to whether Gideon will command the united support of fices of the national board, to the effect that him, he would go into the convention with having already adopted a scale of a much stronger following than Potter.

The agitation for the taxation of bicycles the matter up directly with their agents. has been revived in a new form, the proposition being now to secure the consent of the wheelmen before enacting a law for their taxation. It is believed that they will acquiesce without the least opposition pro-viding assurance is given them that the money for which they are assessed is ex-pended for their benefit. This assurance has been guaranteer in New York state where the experiment of taxing cyclists \$1 each, the proceeds to be applied to the con-struction of sidepaths along country roads, has been tried with success in several counties. It is now reported that the wheelmen of some other counties in the same state are in favor of taxing themselves \$1 per annum and will have bills introduced in the legislature this winter for that purpose. The probability is that a general bill will be intraduced covering the entire state in the course of a year or two, as there is a pro-sourced sentiment for the construction of cycle paths throughout the state.

There is promise of an unusual amount of legal strife in the bicycle industry during the coming year. One big battle and several minor engagements are now on, and more both great and small, are impeading. If a certain inventor wins his suit against a large manufacturer every maker in the country will have to pay a royalty in order to e a bottom bracket or crank hanger such as is now universal. The indications are that the inventor will win. Another infringement Buit involves the use of the gear-cutting ma-chinery that the principal makers are em-Handle bars with a forward curve both dropped and upturned, are the point of contention in another fight inaugurated against all by a Chicago manufacturer. Within a month a general free-for-all scrimmage between makers of bevel-gear wheels may be confidently expected. In this state of affairs riders may well ask the question whether

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A good bicycle, with decent use, will last six seasons or more, and a pair of read tires of fair weight may be ridden from 6,000 to 10,000 miles on ordinary toads, says the League of American Wheelmen Executive Bulletin from the office of I. B. Potter. An English authority states that a pair of tires in one instance was known to run 25,000 miles and still be fit for use.

One of the latest charges brought against the chainless bloycle is that it numbs the feet. Only hevel gear wheels are said to produce the curious result noted, which is in all the principal cities of the United states. It may be that a few of the older bicycle makers will not par icipate in the shows that will take place, but probably the result of their refusal will be to make the exhibits of the younger manufacturers all course, the vibrations are no light that the effect is only appreciated after a long ride To demonstrate the strength of the vibration place the ear to dry par of the frame and spin the rear wheel. The chuckle' of the gears is plainty evident. Somewhat similar is the sersation imported to the hands by the vibration of steel handlebars, to overcome which wooden numble bars were in

> Says a friend of the wonderful little Welshider: "Michael never drinks anything but rider; 'Michael eever drinks anyth as but tea and ale. He is a great tea drinker, but seedom tourhes water, and he pever smokes never has smoked. In fact, a cigar or cigarette. Talking upon the foods that racing men enough take, he advices no vegetables, as they tend to fatten, and waters them off all highly seasoned foods—chicken, game, ples and passessoned foods—chicken, game, ples and passes. try. He regards coffee diraking as also being bad. He has given the subject of training greater attention perhaps, the a any other cyclist, and he has reduced it to a line art. And so he is able to tell us what he is consumed in food during his six years racing. The food I have taken into my sys-tem has been almost entirely bref,' he said 'which is, beyond my discussion, the most healthful animal food that can be taken for the purposes of training.'"

Ehrewd builders and landlords in eastern cities are providing accommodations for the bleyeles of their tenants. In several of the new office buildings going up in New York special provision has been made for the care of bleyeles, and up-to-date landlords check and care for the bicycles of their tenants. The impossion is a welcome one tenants. The innovation is a welcome one and may be copied here without risk of infringement.

REDUCED STAND-OFF.

Letter to the Trade Which Will Interest Prospective Buyers. board passed a mild vote of censure and adjourned. "The Madison Square contest," says as follows: "In view of the fact that it is States. The letter, which explains itself, is now about the time of year when your board will be making up its repair list, list of allowences on second-hand wheels or old-model the mest in eyeling to make some money for bleycles, it has been suggested by one of our themselves, and also of the morbid interest representative members that you call the at-in unpatural and we healthy feats to swell tention of your members to the desirability of Insisting upon a larger first payment of league such a scheme could not have been done. You will no doubt realize so long as successful, for no expert riders would have the crice of bleycles has been high enough gone on the speculators' track. Yet the league let itself and its good came be used and go on, he has doubtless felt comparafor the promotion of this private speculation. This was a great mistake, which should not be repeated. The officers of the League of subsequent installments, eventually dropping American Wheelman are the representatives out after \$60 had been cold on a \$100 ma-of thorounds of people who enjoy sport, but the loss was not, perhaps, felt so they want that sport to be healthful and heavily, even though the egent was unable to escessible and uplifting, and they will not get the machine back. But in view of the support an ineclination that gives countenance to those who for personal profit degree the every popular pastime."

fact that, by reason of the reduction in list price, there will be a much smaller profit to the dealer, it will be necessary for him to Present conditions foreshadow a lively first payment, but he will also have to get contest for the offices of the League of American Wheelmen. The convention meets in St Louis in February. President Potter act that a large operaciage of dealers are seeks re-election. It is said New York's seventient votes are not solid for him. The opposition forces led by Sterling Elliott the manufacturer have to suffer; and we Pennsylvania. With his own state assured the matter will be fully considered at the and Massachusetts and New Jersey backing first opportunity, one or two local boards This letter has also been sent to all bicycle

Plaint of the Scoreber.

The wheel is in the attic stored,
Where mice can chew the tire;
Upon the biking suit the moths
Now feast to their desire.
The jaunty cap is on a peg,
Accumulating dust;
The stockings with deceptive pads
In secret place are thrust,

But while, with faces showing gloom,
The bikers make lament,
Another class of mortals find
A time of sweet content;
For now pedestrians can walk
About the streets at will,
And "scorchers" do not dash along
To injure or to kill.

But melancholy days will go,
And biking days will come;
And then again, on every side,
The whirring wheels will hum.
The biking youth and biking girl
Will firt for all they're world,
And every "scorcher" in the land
Will think he owns the earth.

Five Hundred Cycle Cabs. A tricycle cab is one of the latest features of the streets of Berlin. It is called the Heydt cycle, so named after the inventor, and a company has been organized in the German capital which now has 500 of these tricycle cabs in use. The cab is built on the principle of the bicycle, with the difference that it has three wheels instead of two. The two large wheels support a comfortably cushioned seat on their axie, and the small wheel in the rear is used for steering purposes orly. In this tricycle cab the coach-man or operator sits in the rear and the passenger in front. The conveyance is pro-pelled by a simple up and down movement of the feet, just as a sewing machine is operated, and there is no chain or sprocke

This new device has met with great favor in Berlin. The cab is cheap and light in weight and can be propelled with great case and at great speed. A mile ride cests something like a cent and a half, which s infinitely cheaper than the charge for the regular cab service. The cab can be very cheaply constructed, and, as no horacs are required to be stabled and fed, that expense is entirely done away with, and the com-

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advantage over the heavy and cumbersome ble experience in matches of this kind, would models sold at \$50 than 1898 models at \$75. many of the local enthusiasis admire them castly pull their adversaries "up." but the It will be hard to get buyers to cay \$75 for and are only waiting for the streets to get in Touris: boys surprised even themselves and an 1898 model when they can get 1897 models, condition so as to give them a trial. The succeeded in drawing the match. Captain which differ but little from the new models new chainless models as well as the chain

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Chicago Tribune: "No," said Nero, while Rome was burning, as he turned indignately to one of his advisers, "this is amusement enough. I shall not exaction any six days bicycle race. I am not altoge her a mou

And he fiddled away. Detroit Free Press: "I asked her to wear ove's fetters for me."
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"She said she couldn't think of It-that

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Kuchn and Colonel Harry are ceither one satisfied with the result of last week's match, and, while arrangements have on as yet been definitely made for another match, it is will find a ready sale at \$125 remains to be prebly well understood that the teams will seen. meet again on January 13, and instead of pulling five minutes with eight mon on a team the Ceams will be composed of nine men and will pull ten minutes. In the meantime both teams will be strengthened and

connection with other lices of business. The best local talent will be engaged. There will year was not a coor one by any means, yet also be a couple of limited round settos be at the same time not any of the dealers tween local wheelmen who are handy with have made so much money out of the wheel the mits. An effort will be business so that they can retire for the made to get the railroads of the state "What did she say?"
"She said she couldn't think of it—that everything was chainless nowadays."

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Whosperings of the Wh between two teams composed of eight men cach, whose average weight is 180 pounds, is not an intensely interesting and exciting event should have been at Turcer hall on Tauraday evening last to have witnessed the match between teams representing the Touris: Wheelmen and the Turner Wheel edub. Durking the five minutes is which the result was that their ogents here were wholesale hardware to dispose of their goods, while others year. His territory pulling was done neither team had the chalk mather the result was that their goods, while others year. His territory will be western lows, mark over two inches on its eide and most cases, however, the agents had contracted for a certain number of wheels and in many they

The date for ho'ding the proposed Nebraska Division L. A. W. smoker and entertainment has been practically set for January 15, and upon this date Chief Consul O'Brien of the He icaves for Chicago Monday. will put in all of their spare time practicing for the event, and a much more exciting contest is promised.

The year just closing has not been productive of a gold mine for the local bicycle dealers and those who have handled wheels in and vauleville performance for which the proposition of the musical and vauleville performance for which the proposition with the new and the musical and vauleville performance for which the

hour per day race, which is to be held in St. Louis early in February. Sager is a splendid long distance rider and should do well in a

F. H. McCall goes on the road for a local wholesale hardware concern the first of

comfortably and quickly, which is a great she Turner Indians, who have had considera- are that there will be more 1857 high grade seem to attract a great deal of attention and | that,

that have been shown here so far, for \$25 wheels for '98 nearly all have the short less. As to the chainless wheel, it is prac-tically an experiment as yet and whether it arched fork crown, while some of the chain wheels are showing automatic brakes and REAL CRRCH.

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THE DAYS THAT USED TO BE.

Boston Posts Let me sing you a song of the rollicking days.

The days that used to be.

When the years were veiled in To which we would gladly flee.
To which we would gladly flee.
When all leas bright to our youthful gaze.
No intricate windings, no doubtful maze,
And on each lips a song of praise.
That you were alive—and me,

No cross to sustain and no sorrow No criss to sustain the bear, bear, in the days that used to be, No deed too great for us to dare. When two rode our grandpa's knew, No harrowing doubt, no chilling cars, No soul bowed down beneath despair; The life was happy and life was fair, "Twos happy for you—and me,

Those gladsome days we five over again.
Those days that used to be,
When life was all pleasure without an A joyful mystery. We halled with delight each shower of

For we knew that the sunlight would come No graves in our hearts where some lost hope was lain; Then you were content—and me.

Press on, brave heart, through all your worse and brave heart, taronga an your worse.

And think of the used to be.

For there'll come a time when you'll conquer all foes.

And all life's misery.

When the soul is done with its earthly throos.

And into the haven'll gladly goes.

Then once again, as every one knows, You'll surely be happy and me.

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